

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on March 25, 2003 at 3:14 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 287, 3/7/2003; SB 395, 3/7/2003;
SB 442, 3/7/2003

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 287

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

0:00 SEN. SPRAGUE, SD 6 -- Short Title: Funding for managing
water-based recreation.

Proponents' Testimony:

04:00 Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks
EXHIBIT (fih63a01)
09:00 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited Montana
10:00 Jeff Essmann
14:00 John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited
17:00 Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation
18:00 Michele Reese
19:00 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of
Montana
19:00 Gene Townsend, Mayor of Three Forks
20:00 Curtis Spindler, Montana Bass Fishermens Association
21:00 Sue Dalbey
22:00 Betty Stone, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission,
District 6 Park Selection Committee
23:00 Ken Sinay, Yellowstone Safari Company
24:00 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony:

25:00 David Gulbrandson
EXHIBIT (fih63a02)
28:00 Alan Bressler
EXHIBIT (fih63a03)
EXHIBIT (fih63a04)
32:00 Kris Gagnon
EXHIBIT (fih63a05)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

36:00

Closing by Sponsor:

1:03:00

HEARING ON SB 395

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

1:06:00 **SEN. PERRY, SD 16 -- Short Title:** Sport hunting of
 bison as management tool.

Proponents' Testimony:

1:13:00 Mark Bridges, Department of Livestock
1:14:00 Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
EXHIBIT(fih63a06)
1:17:00 **REP. PAT WAGMAN, HD 26**
1:20:00 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

1:22:00 Florence Marie Gurdipee, University of Montana Student
EXHIBIT(fih63a07)
1:29:00 Bill O'Connell, Gallatin Wildlife Association
1:33:00 Christina Kracher, University of Montana Student
EXHIBIT(fih63a08)
1:38:00 Juanita Wind Gurdipee, Student
EXHIBIT(fih63a09)
1:41:00 William Patric, Greater Yellowstone Wildlife Federation
EXHIBIT(fih63a10)
1:45:00 Dan Brister
1:48:00 Glen Hockett, Gallatin Wildlife Association
EXHIBIT(fih63a11)
EXHIBIT(fih63a12)
EXHIBIT(fih63a13)
EXHIBIT(fih63a14)
1:53:00 Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation
1:54:00 Joe Gutkoski, American Buffalo Foundation, The Big Open
1:55:00 Jim Wisman, Gallatin Wildlife Association
1:57:00 Joshua Osher, Buffalo Field Campaign
2:03:00 Rachel Simons
2:04:00 Emily Kodama

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:06:00

Closing by Sponsor:

2:40:00
EXHIBIT(fih63a15)
EXHIBIT(fih63a16)
EXHIBIT(fih63a17)
EXHIBIT(fih63a18)
EXHIBIT(fih63a19)

5:57 p.m. Break

6:06 p.m. Resume

HEARING ON SB 442

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:53:00 **SEN. STONINGTON, SD 15 -- Short Title:** Regulate
importation of non-native fish and wildlife.

Proponents' Testimony:

2:57:00 Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(fih63a20)

3:01:00 Mark Bridges, Department of Livestock

3:02:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

3:04:00 Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

3:05:00 Jeff Monheim

3:12:00 Renee Evenson

EXHIBIT(fih63a21)

3:17:00 Sandra Schubarth

EXHIBIT(fih63a22)

3:22:00 Matthew Schubarth

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:24:00

Closing by Sponsor:

3:33:00

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:56 P.M.

REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (fih63aad)